

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. A guidance route search device, the device comprising:

a route point specifying means for specifying unit adapted to specify multiple route points to which a user is to be guided before reaching a destination point; and

a selecting means for selecting unit adapted to select a guidance schedule ~~[[in]]~~ which defines possible sequences of visiting orders for all the multiple route points are passed through by a preset time of arrival at the destination point and ~~in which the a~~ staying time period at each of the route points, at multiple route points is the longest, the staying time at the route points being within the maximum staying time preset for the route points

wherein the staying time period at each of the route points is established to have a possible maximal value within the maximum staying time predetermined for that route point.

2. (Currently Amended) A guidance route search device, the device comprising:

a route point specifying means for specifying unit adapted to specify multiple route points to which a user is to be guided before reaching a destination point;

a temporary determination means for determining unit adapted to determine staying time periods at each of the multiple route points based on staying possible time prespecified for each route point;

a determination means for making unit adapted to make determination about propriety of a guidance schedule in which the multiple route points are passed through, based on ~~[[the]]~~ each of the determined staying time periods at the multiple route points and traveling time among the route points; and

~~an adjustment means for adjusting unit adapted to adjust~~ the staying time at least at one route point in response to the result of determination by the determination ~~[[means]]~~ unit.

3. (Currently Amended) The guidance route search device according to claim 2, wherein

the determination ~~[[means]]~~ unit operates to determine whether the guidance schedule in which the multiple route points are passed through is possible or not; and

if it is determined by the determination ~~[[means]]~~ unit that the guidance schedule in which the multiple route points are passed through is not possible, the adjustment ~~[[means]]~~ unit operates to reduce the staying time at least at one route point.

4. (Original) The guidance route search device according to claim 3, wherein
the prespecified staying time is specified within the range of a trip time period from departure time of a trip for dropping into the multiple route points to time of arrival at a destination point.

5. (Currently Amended) The guidance route search device according to claim 2, wherein

the prespecified staying time is specified within a range of a trip time period from departure time of a trip for dropping into the multiple route points to arrival time;

the determination ~~[[means]]~~ unit operates to determine whether there is spare time other than the staying time at the route points and the traveling time among the route points within the range of the trip time period; and

if it is determined by the determination ~~[[means]]~~ unit that there is spare time, the adjustment ~~[[means]]~~ unit operates to add a part or all of the spare time to the staying time at least at one route point.

6. (Currently Amended) The guidance route search device according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the device further comprising:

~~a display means for displaying~~ unit adapted to display the guidance schedule for the multiple route points adjusted by the adjustment ~~[[means]]~~ unit;

~~an input means to be operated~~ unit adapted to operate in order to change the guidance schedule displayed on the display ~~[[means]]~~ unit; and

~~a change means for changing~~ unit adapted to change the guidance schedule in response to a change operation with the input ~~[[means]]~~ unit and causing the display ~~[[means]]~~ unit to display the changed guidance schedule.

7. (Original) The guidance route search device according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein

time to start staying and/or the staying time prespecified for each route point is specified based on at least one among the route point, type of the route point, user, utilization group, time of year for utilization and user age.

8. (Currently Amended) A guidance route search method, the method comprising the steps of:

specifying multiple route points to which a user is to be guided before reaching a destination point, and

~~selecting a guidance schedule in which the multiple route points are passed through by preset time of arrival at the destination point and in which the staying time at multiple route points is the longest, the staying time at the route points being within the maximum staying time preset for the route points~~ which defines possible sequences of visiting orders for all the multiple route points by a preset time of arrival at the destination point and a staying time period at each of the route points;

wherein the staying time period at each of the route points is established to have a possible maximal value within the maximum staying time predetermined for that route point.

9. (Currently Amended) A guidance route search method, the method comprising the steps of:

specifying multiple route points to which a user is to be guided before reaching a destination point;

determining staying time periods at each of the multiple route points based on staying possible time prespecified for each route point;

making determination about propriety of a guidance schedule in which the multiple route points are passed through, based on [[the]] each of the determined staying time periods at the multiple route points and traveling time among the route points; and

adjusting the staying time at least at one route point in response to the result of determination by the step of performing determination.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

specifying multiple route points to which a user is to be guided before reaching a destination point; and

selecting a guidance schedule [[in]] which defines possible sequences of visiting orders for all the multiple route points are-passed-through by a preset time of arrival at the destination point and in-which-the a staying time period at multiple each of the route points is-the longest, the staying time at the route points being within the maximum staying time preset for the route points

wherein the staying time period at each of the route points is established to have a possible maximal value within the maximum staying time predetermined for that route point.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

specifying multiple route points to which a user is to be guided before reaching a destination point;

determining staying time periods at each of the multiple route points based on staying possible time prespecified for each route point;

making determination about propriety of a guidance schedule in which the multiple route points are passed through, based on [[the]] each of the determined staying time periods at the multiple route points and traveling time among the route points; and

adjusting the staying time at least at one route point in response to the result of determination by the step of performing determination.